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top[2,verb]

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top[4,noun]

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big top

blow[1,verb]

curly top

drop-top

high-top

Main Entry: **'top**

Pronunciation: \ˈtāp\

Function: *noun*

Etymology: Middle English, from Old English;

akin to Old High German *zopf* tip, tuft of hair

Date: before 12th century

**1 a** (1) : the highest point, level, or part of something ; **SUMMIT**, **CROWN** (2) : the head or top of the head —used especially in the phrase *top to toe*

(3) : the head of a plant; *especially* : the aboveground part of a plant having edible roots

<beet *tops*> (4) : a garment worn on the upper body

**b** (1) : the highest or uppermost region or part

(2) : the upper end, edge, or surface

**2** : a fitted, integral, or attached part or unit serving as an upper piece, lid, or covering

**3 a** : a platform surrounding the head of a lower mast that serves to spread the topmast rigging, strengthen the mast, and furnish a standing place for men aloft **b** : a comparable part of the superstructure; *especially* : such a part on a warship used as a fire-control station or antiaircraft gun platform

**4 a** : the highest degree or pitch conceivable or attained ; **ACME**, **PINNACLE** **b** : the loudest or highest range of a sound

**5 a** : the part that is nearest in space or time to the source or beginning **b** : the first half of an inning in baseball

**6 a** (1) : the highest position (as in rank or

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achievement) (2) : a person or thing at the top

**b** *plural* : aces and kings in a hand or the three highest honors in a suit

**7** : the choicest part : **CREAM**, **PICK**

**8** : a forward spin given to a ball (as in golf or billiards) by striking it on or near the top or above the center; *also* : the stroke so given

**9** : a fundamental quark that has an electric charge of + 2/3 and a measured energy of approximately 175 GeV; *also* : the flavor characterizing this particle

— **topped** **▲** \ˈtɒpt\ *adjective*

— **off the top of one's head** : in an impromptu manner <sat down and wrote the...story *off the top of his head*— Jerome Beatty, Jr.>

— **on top of**

**1 a** : in control of <acted like a man *on top of* his job

— *Newsweek* **b** : informed about <tried to keep *on top of* new developments>

**2** : in sudden and unexpected proximity to <the deadline was *on top of* them>

**3** : in addition to

— **on top of the world** : in a position of eminent success, happiness, or fame

— **over the top** : beyond the bounds of what is expected, usual, normal, or appropriate

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